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Ottawa Oblates Decide to Proceed With Erection of New Buildings.

Fear That an Aged Domestic Perished in Recent Conflagration.

Government Has Received no Advice as to Grand Trunk Guarantee.

From Our Own Correspondent.
Ottawa, Dec. 3.—The authorities of the Oblate Order decided immediately to rebuild the University. All injured professors in the hospital are doing fairly well, although early this morning Father Fulham was very low. It is now almost certain that Miss Palsan, an aged domestic, perished in the flames as she has not been heard of since the fire. The remains have not been found. The civil finances for the year show a surplus of \$10,000.
The King's printer announces today that it is not the intention to prepare a new electoral atlas, as there were no Dominion revisers to give him local data.
Premier Laurier is being urged to claim the Fenian raid medal.
On the strength of reports of impending trouble in the Far East several applications of Canadians have been received by Consul General Nossie from Japan. These were from Ontario men and two are from Northwest Police, who had done scouting service in South Africa. Nossie can do nothing in the matter, but he appreciates the evidence of good feeling.
Up to a late hour this afternoon the government had received no advice from London with reference to the delay of the Grand Trunk Pacific people in putting up their five million dollar deposit. Capt. Bernier, who is here, denies the statement that he has given up the idea of going in search of the North Pole. He says he has no need to give up the idea when he has been pledged \$45,000 to cover the expenses of the expedition. Up to a late hour this afternoon the government had received no advice from London with reference to the delay of the Grand Trunk Pacific people in putting up their five million dollar deposit. Capt. Bernier, who is here, denies the statement that he has given up the idea of going in search of the North Pole. He says he has no need to give up the idea when he has been pledged \$45,000 to cover the expenses of the expedition. Up to a late hour this afternoon the government had received no advice from London with reference to the delay of the Grand Trunk Pacific people in putting up their five million dollar deposit. Capt. Bernier, who is here, denies the statement that he has given up the idea of going in search of the North Pole. He says he has no need to give up the idea when he has been pledged \$45,000 to cover the expenses of the expedition.

ADVANCE IN COTTON.

Montreal, Dec. 3.—It was announced today that the Canadian cotton mills will in a few days give notice to the trade in an advance in price of cottons, all the way from 1/4 cent to 3/4 cent per yard. The advance is rendered necessary by the increase in price of raw cotton.

HYPONOTIC BANDIT.

One of Chicago Car Barn Murderers Will Plead Hypnotism.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Hypnotism will be the plea put up by Emil Roeki, one of the car barn bandits, as his defence on trial for murder. His attorney notified the state attorney today that he will be introduced at time of trial to prove that Roeki was hypnotized by another of the band, Peter Niedermeyer.

MORE PAY AND MORE MEN.

Montreal Police Commissioners Decide to Increase Salaries and Force.

Montreal, Dec. 3.—Police commissioners today voted to increase the pay of all first-class men, that is men with good record and who have been on the force for three years from \$12.50 to \$14.00 per week. The increase affects the majority of the men on the force. It has yet to be approved by the council, but it is expected to be granted without opposition. The committee also voted to increase the force by fifty men.

Dowie Given Charge of Zion

Appointed Temporary Manager of Industries of the Holy City.

Gathering of Faithful Called But Contributions Are But Slim.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Federal Judge Kohl-sant appointed Dowie temporary manager of Zion City industries. It is the idea of the court and receivers to interfere as little as possible with the established order of Dowie's industries. Dowie will be the agent of the receivers, and the arrangements will be discontinued if it is found that the interests managed by him are not made to pay.

BUFFALO CRIME

BROUGHT TO LIGHT

Bodies of Aged Couple Found Buried in Their Own Woodshed

Buffalo, Dec. 3.—The decomposed bodies of Franz Prehr and his wife, an aged couple, who disappeared from their home, 334 Jefferson street, on November 20th, were found today buried beneath a woodshed in the yard of the house. They had been murdered. The skulls of both had been crushed, and a hammer, such as would have indicated the blow, was found in the shed. Several hairs were found clinging to the handle of the hammer. A search for Charles Bonier, who moved into the house of the Prehrs on the day of their disappearance, had begun hours before the finding of the bodies, but the hunt was renewed by the entire staff of headquarters' detectives as soon as word came that the bodies of the old couple had been found. On Tuesday Bonier appeared at the police court in response to a summons in a John Doe proceeding regarding the disappearance of the Prehrs. The case was adjourned, and Bonier was ordered to appear in court yesterday, but he did not come. It was thought then that the suspicion of foul play grew strong with the police, who had believed up to that time that the old couple had been taken away by relatives who hoped to inherit their money. Description of Bonier were sent broadcast, and this morning Police Superintendent Bull received a telephone message from Erie, Pa., stating that Bonier had been arrested there. Bonier is 45 years old. Bonier's housekeeper, Louise Lindholm, is in custody in this city. The police found in her possession gold pieces to the value of \$70. The Prehrs were supposed to have a great deal of gold in the house. The woman said the money was given to her by Bonier. Kate Kahm, a relative of the Lindholm woman, was also taken to a police station, a trunk and some stuff which had belonged to the Prehrs having been found at her home.
The Prehrs owned another house and lot besides their home on Jefferson street, and had money in the bank. It is well known in the neighborhood that they kept large sums of money in their home.
The Lindholm woman, closely questioned by the police, said Bonier told her the old couple had sold the house to him, and that they had gone to a house of refuge to spend the remainder of their lives. The gold found upon her she insisted had been given her by Bonier.

COOL BRAVERY SAVES ONE LIFE

Catches Man Falling Fifty Feet But Has Arm Seriously Bruised.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—John Mitchell electric light employee, was working on Esplanade this morning when he stepped on a live electric wire and received a shock which threw him to the ground fifty feet below. As he fell he cried out. Fred Nichol was passing at the time, and as Mitchell fell he stretched out his arms and caught him. The force of Mitchell's fall knocked Nichol to the ground, and his shoulder, right arm, body and legs were seriously bruised while Mitchell escaped without injury beyond the electric shock.

BRITISH FISCAL CAMPAIGN.

Montreal, Dec. 3.—Arrangements have been made whereby Hon. George E. Foster will deliver an address in Montreal on arrival here Saturday. The subject will be the British fiscal campaign.

MONTREAL LABOR STRIKE.

Shoe Machinists Accept Terms of Employers and Resume Work.

Montreal, Dec. 3.—After a lockout which has lasted three weeks the shoe machinists have decided to agree to the demand of the manufacturers and sign individual contracts. They had previously been working under a union agreement, and the manufacturers closed their factories because they found that the union was restricting production. Five thousand people have been out of work because of the lockout. A good many have gone to the New England States in search of employment.

THE OTTAWA FIRE.

News of Destruction of University Causes Pious Great Concern.

Rome, Dec. 3.—The Pope was most concerned at the reception of the news of the destruction by fire yesterday of the University of Ottawa. He was especially solicitous in inquiring about the injured priests and students. He instructed Mgr. Sbarretti, the apostolic delegate in Canada, to send a detailed report of the disaster, and to have the university buildings to be taken to repair the damage done. The news caused great excitement at the Canadian college here, as the rector and students have many friends at the Ottawa college.

Legislative Assembly

Debate on the Million Dollar Loan Bill Proceeds Yesterday.

Opposition Displays Disposition to Obstruct This Urgent Measure.

Mr. Oliver's Amendment is Defeated by a Handsome Majority.

Sixth Day.
Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock.
Prayers were read by the Ven. Archbishop Scriver.
The following petitions were laid on the table:
By Mr. McInnes, from Abram C. Rhinclair and others, for a private bill to incorporate the Alberni and Cowichan Railway Company.
By Dr. King, from W. F. Gurd and others, citizens of Cranbrook, asking for appropriations for a court house, government offices and streets and bridges.
Mr. Hawthornthwaite asked leave to introduce a bill entitled "An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act."

DOMINION ELECTIONS.

Toronto Globe Advises Immediate Preparation for Vigorous Campaign.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—The Globe this morning says editorially: "Signs are multiplying that the approach of the general elections of the Federal parliament. Alike in government and opposition circles activity is shown which suggests the real opening of the campaign. The date of the elections has not yet been announced, but the men and members of the Liberal associations throughout the country will do no more than intelligent prudence advises if they lose no time in making ready for a vigorous campaign."

QUEBEC SHOE STRIKE.

Situation Remains Unchanged, But Workmen Show Signs of Weakening.

Quebec, Dec. 3.—The situation in the Quebec shoe trade remains unchanged. The manufacturers firmly decline to have anything to do with the union, but there will be a break in their ranks within a short time. There is much distress, and the celebration of the Church of St. Saviour has been postponed as the authorities do not think this a proper time for a celebration.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT

At Cumberland

Timberman Falls in Front of Loaded Cars and One Leg Is Cut Off.

Black Diamond City Statistics for the Month of November

From Our Own Correspondent.
Nanaimo, Dec. 3.—A timberman named Joseph Crosscut, while walking out of the new authentic mine at Cumberland this morning, tripped on a wire rope, falling in front of a trip of loaded cars which passed over him, cutting off one of his legs below the knee and inflicting severe internal injuries. He was taken to the hospital in a serious condition.

A mule driver named Frank Barious was also run over by a loaded coal car in No. 4 mine this morning. He had his ankle badly smashed, which will cripple him for some time to come.

Oliver Lodge, No. 192, Daughters of St. George, has installed officers for next year, as follows: W. P. president, Mrs. L. Snowden; W. president, Mrs. M. A. Thomas; W. secretary, Mrs. E. J. Piper; W. R. secretary, Mrs. B. Wagstaff; W. treasurer, Mrs. E. Freeman; W. chaplain, Mrs. J. Brown; W. first conductor, Mrs. L. Hodgson; W. second conductor, Mrs. S. Hope; W. inside guard, Miss M. A. Dickenson; W. outside guard, Mrs. E. Willie; trustees, Mrs. M. A. Hodgson, Mrs. Snowden, Miss Dickenson, Mrs. J. Brown, Mrs. M. A. Hodgson, assisted by W. P. President Miss Dickenson as conductor. After the formal ceremonies refreshments were served and a very pleasant social evening was spent by the members.

The weather record for November shows a total precipitation of nearly ten inches, about one-third of the usual rainfall for an entire year. There were only four fine days in the month, and in one of these the sun shone for only a brief interval. The heaviest rain fell on the 2nd, when a downpour of almost one and a half inches was recorded. Even for November the weather was moist to an extent far beyond the normal.

At the custom house in November dutiable goods were entered to the value of \$18,775, on which the sum of \$5,413.92 was collected. The free list amounted to \$2,563.00.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. gave a very interesting entertainment on Tuesday evening, in which Mrs. Nichols, the president, Mrs. Priestley and Mrs. L. Manson took part. Among those who assisted were: Mrs. Cavalry, the Misses Leask, Manson and Kemp, Mr. W. H. Kelly and Mr. Jackson. The fine orchestra, consisting of several selections and the Rev. Hughes gave an interesting address.

A very enjoyable private dance was given at the Assembly hall last evening by a number of young people. The great event of the season of this nature is the Masonic ball, which is booked for December 28th, and which promises to be the most brilliant for some years.

The steamer Pennsylvania came in yesterday to load coal for Honolulu. The steamer Wyckoff is completing a cargo for San Francisco.

ARSENICAL POISONING.

Royal Commission Recommends Certain Prohibitions as to Food and Drink.

London, Dec. 3.—The royal commission on arsenical poisoning from food and drink recommends the prohibition of the sale of beer and other liquid food or of any liquid entering into the composition of food which contains one hundredth of a grain or more of arsenic per gallon and the prohibition of the sale of solid food containing one hundredth of a grain per pound, or of any solid food habitually consumed in large or small quantities or whether consumed alone like golden syrup or mixed with water or other substance, like chutney, etc.

The commissioners find there are serious defects in the present machinery available to safeguard the public, and urge that more extended powers be given to the authorities to condemn unwholesome food, the establishment of official standards and the creation of a "board of reference" to which could be referred specific points and whose decisions should be carried out by the department concerned, the latter's action being subject to the control of parliament.

KILLED BY HIGHWAYMEN.

Chicago Lawyer Succumbs to Wounds Inflicted by Would-Be Robbers.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—James A. Fullender, the lawyer who was shot last night by one of two men who attempted to rob him, died this evening. Mr. Fullender had just returned from an apartment building which he was erecting, and there he was shot by some men. He was within a short distance of his home when he met the men who commanded him to throw up his hands. He turned to run, when one of them shot him, the bullet going through his hip bone and through the abdomen. His wounds have been made as Mr. Fullender was not able to give accurate description of his assailants.

ORDERS OF DAY.

Mr. Tatlow in moving the second reading of the Treasury Loan Act, 1903, complimented the various speakers who had spoken in the previous debates. Regarding the reference to patriotism he thought that the position of the province and the necessity for all working together to grapple with the problems facing them did call for an exhibition of patriotism. No one government was to blame for the present financial conditions. He then reviewed the financial affairs of British Columbia for eleven years back, comparing revenue and expenditure. In 1903 the loan had been floated. It had all been spent. Again in thirteen years the excess of expenditure over revenue amounted to about nine million dollars. No blame could be attributed to any one government. It was no time to recriminate one another on a canvas, but to go forward to a measurable solution. As to the loan (Continued on Page Eight.)

British Press On the Crisis

Russia and Japan Are On Verge of War Causes Intense Interest.

Tension Now Acute And Important Developments Are Looked For.

Daily Graphic States That an Agreement Has Been Arrived At.

London, Dec. 4.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Mail says it is reported on credible authority that at Tuesday's cabinet council it was actually proposed to send an ultimatum to Russia, but that this grave step was eventually abandoned in favor of the milder course which was ultimately adopted. The correspondent says the tension is acute, and it is generally felt that a few days will see important developments.
The news cabled by the Associated Press correspondent at Paris that the governments of Russia and Japan were on the verge of agreement as to the Far Eastern difficulties and giving the basis of the probable agreement, aroused intense interest in London. The inclination in most well-informed quarters is to believe that an agreement was in the decision of the difficulties is on the eve of agreement. Even where some hesitation is shown as to the accuracy of the details, Viceroy Alexieff's decision to go to St. Petersburg is held as confirmatory of the information obtained by the Associated Press. It is contended that the viceroy would not leave the seat of the difficulties unless he were assured that the negotiations had reached a stage where no serious misunderstanding would be probable during his absence. Assuming the news to be well founded, it is supposed that the proposed action of the United States may have had a great deal of influence in the decision of Russia and Japan to consent to a compromise in order to avert war, the developments of which would be difficult to foresee.

The Standard this morning, in a leading editorial, dwells upon the dangers which might arise for both powers, and considers that the known conditions gave promise of protracted hostilities, which, except by a miracle, could not be confined to the leading opponents. The Standard adds: "China is far too deeply concerned to stand neutral. The action of the United States cannot be foreseen with certainty, but America would not be indifferent to the fate of Manchuria, while France and Great Britain might also be drawn into the conflict. Russia's responsibility, therefore, is very grave, and she will incur the condemnation of the civilized world by an aggressive adherence to the policy of aggression."

The Daily Graphic publishes an article in which it claims that it is known that Russia and Japan have arrived at a practical agreement in respect to each other's interests in Manchuria and Korea.

The Daily Graphic thinks that such a bargain is not an ideal one, but it says that the statesmen concerned had to accept the less of two evils.

The Morning Post, which throughout the crisis is alleged to have been inspired from Japanese quarters, thinks it is extremely likely that the agreement arrived at will enable the Japanese premier to meet the Diet with such assurances as will calm the rising generation and relieve the tension which exists among the press and populace of Japan.

The Daily Telegraph, in an editorial, refers to the Associated Press news from Paris as follows: "The Associated Press is an agency with an excellent reputation for giving early and accurate news in regard to diplomatic questions."

The Daily Telegraph adds that the terms used by the Associated Press are guarded and qualified, and it says that "a basis is not a superstructure, and a practical agreement is not a ratification."

BRITISH NEWS BY ATLANTIC CABLE

Hebrews Present a Memorial Trophy For Competition Among Riflemen.

London, Dec. 3.—(Special)—Firms able to supply military boiler casings and other large quantities should apply to the Canadian government's commercial agent at Birmingham.

To commemorate the memory of 127 Jews who fell in the South African war, the Jews of England will present a memorial trophy to the National Rifle Association, to be an open competition for all comers.

The agent general of New Zealand contributed to a monthly review an article entitled "The Daughters of the House," in which he says there would not be so much in Canada being bitterly disappointed with her new Alaskan frontier had she not met greater reason to be angry with the former boundary arrangements.

The Earl of Stair died today at St. Lochmar, Scotland. He was born in 1819.

CONSERVATIVE NOMINATIONS.

Madoc, Ont. Dec. 3.—A. B. Northup, M. P., was unanimously nominated for the Dominion House, by the East Hastings Conservatives today.

Montreal, Dec. 3.—Hon. J. G. H. Bergeron accepted the nomination for the St. John division of Montreal tonight at a very largely attended meeting of the Monk club.

CYCLES AND MOTORS.

Shareholders in Canadian Company Agree to a Reorganization.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—At the adjourned annual meeting of the shareholders of the Canada Cycle and Motor Company today a resolution was unanimously passed advising shareholders to deposit their stock for a reorganization, and to take advantage of the offer of a million dollars' worth of stock from the directors to be distributed among the shareholders who can least afford the loss the reorganization will entail.

Britain Cuts Gordian knot

Purchases two Men-of-War Wanted By Russia and Japan.

Battleships Among Fastest in World and Will Join China Fleet.

London, Dec. 3.—The frequent cabinet councils are now explained by the purchase of the two Chilian battleships, and congratulations from all sides are being extended to the government, not only on its acquiring such valuable and needed additions to the navy, but at the same time on avoiding what might have been a troublesome incident had the battleships been sold to either of the two powers now supposed to be on the brink of war. At the same time the purchase of the vessels at the present moment is held to prove that the British government is genuinely anxious concerning the position of affairs in the Far East.

The two battleships are among the fastest in the world. The Libertad on Wednesday maintained in satisfactory deep sea trials a speed of 17 1/2 knots for twenty-seven hours continuous, while both vessels are remarkable for their powerful armaments and their exceptional coal capacity. The weight of their striking powers is only exceeded by that of the latest vessels built for the United States, and their purchase brings the total of first-class battleships built or building for the British navy, up to 48. It is not unlikely that the Libertad and the Constitution will be sent to reinforce the British China squadron, for they are considered eminently suitable.

Yokohama, Dec. 3.—It is reported at Tokyo that Japanese Minister Kurino at St. Petersburg twice within the past two days had demanded of Count Lamsdorff a reply to the final proposals of the Japanese government. Count Lamsdorff proposed proceeding to Alexandria for the purpose of securing the sanction of the Czar to the draft of the armistice drawn by Viscount Lifford. Baron De Rosen, the Russian minister to Japan, but had so far been prevented from so doing owing to the illness of the Czarina. The Emperor of Japan, it is expected, will open the Diet December 8, when it is hoped that definite developments in the Far Eastern situation may avert the impending crisis and allay the domestic impatience.

WINNIPEG CLEARINGS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 3.—The clearing house returns for the week ending December 3, 1903, were \$7,255,855; corresponding week, 1902, \$5,840,316; same week, 1901, \$5,870,897.

SPANISH MINISTRY RESIGNS.

Madrid, Dec. 3.—At the close of today's ministerial council the Marquis Villaverde, the president of the council, tendered the resignation of the cabinet of King Alfonso.

JAPANESE ACQUITTED.

Alleged Murderer of Steveston Chinaman Released by Magistrate.

Vancouver, Dec. 3.—Chi Chung, the Japanese accused of the murder of Charlie Sing, the Steveston Chinese gambler, was acquitted today. Some color was given to the theory that the murder was committed by Chinese Highlanders, who accused the Japs to cover up their own track, from the fact that Magistrate Alexander challenged the evidence of the most material witness, a Chinaman, Li Ping, and on the prisoner failing to produce Li Ping, who said he knew the prisoner, Li Ping was arrested pending investigation as to possible perjury or conspiracy.

TORPEDO BOATS ADRIFT.

American Submarines Come to Grief in Storm Off Cape Henry.

Cape Henry, Va., Dec. 3.—The submarine boat reported as drifting southward, stranded four miles south of Currituck life-saving station at 8 p.m. The life-savers are standing by ready to lend assistance. The wind continues high and the sea is heavy.

In getting a line to one of the torpedo boats and headed towards Norfolk. The Yaunkton arrived upon the scene at about the same time, and after making successful attempts to pick up the other boat, followed in the same direction, leaving the torpedo boat drifting slowly southward. The wind is from the northwest and is blowing at the rate of thirty-six miles an hour. There is a heavy sea on. It is not known here which one of the torpedo boats was towed into Hampton Roads.

FRENCH ART.

Magnificent Collection Prepared for the St. Louis Exhibition.

Paris, Dec. 3.—The jury appointed to select specimens of French art for exhibition at St. Louis, has completed its work. In the exhibition the greatest artists and sculptors will be represented. Two thousand paintings were submitted, of which only six hundred were selected so as to secure as wide a range as possible, limiting the number of pictures which could be selected from each artist to three. On the list of successful artists are such names as Bonnat, Bonger, Duran, Fleury, Penger, Renard, Simon, Menard, Constant, Monet and the late Camille. Pissarro Bonguereau has contributed his well-known "Los Oreades"; Durand, "The Last Hour of Christ"; and portraits; Carland, "Cardinal Richelieu"; Dupre, "Le Retour du Troupeur"; and "Lesolier"; Renard some portraits, and Fleury, "Un Revenir Sous la Revolution" and "Le Joie Maternelle." The collection of paintings is regarded as probably the best France ever sent abroad. A fine exhibition of engravings and watercolors will also be sent. The sculpture contains besides Robin's bronze figure, "Le Penseur," Bartholomew's "L'Enfer," Mott's "Vascelle," "Le Comedie Humaine," "Priemsette," "Chevaux Romains," "Priemsette," and "Le Femme aux Lys."

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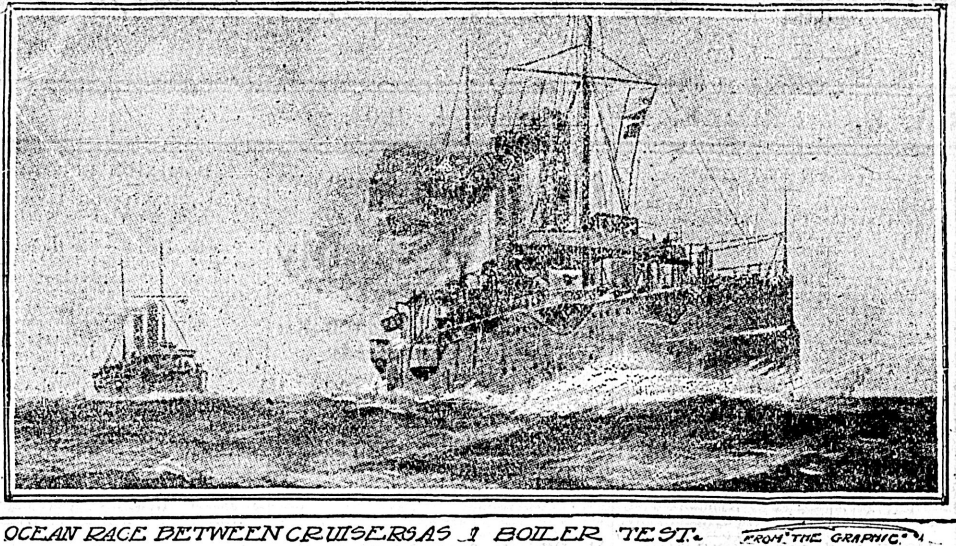
MARTELL'S

THREE STAR

BRANDY

AT ALL BARS AND RESTAURANTS.

THE RECENT NAVAL TESTS



OCEAN RACE BETWEEN CRUISERS AS A BOILER TEST.

International Arbitration

Gathering in Washington to Organize Campaign For Treaty With Britain.

Proposed on the Lines of the Recent Anglo-French Agreement.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The awakening in the United States of a popular sentiment which it is hoped will develop into a national demand for an American treaty between the United States and Great Britain was the object of a gathering this afternoon at the residence of General John W. Foster, formerly United States Secretary of State. It was presided over by the movement, has the hearty approval of President Roosevelt. The gentlemen present constitute the local committee and will arrange for a meeting of the national arbitration committee in this city January 12th next. Regarding the scope of the plan which is to be pushed vigorously in the hope of securing at an early date the conclusion of an arbitration treaty following the general lines of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty of 1897, the Associated Press is authorized to make this statement:

"In April, 1896, a notable conference of the friends of international arbitration was held in Washington, attended by the United States Secretary of State and the late British ambassador, Sir Julian Pauncefote. The treaty failed by a close vote, to receive the two-thirds majority required for its ratification. It is understood that prompt action among the objections urged against the treaty were the complications growing out of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and the controversy over the Alaskan boundary. These having been disposed of it is felt by the friends of international arbitration that the present is a favorable time to reawaken public sentiment in favor of a new arbitration with Great Britain. They pointed out that France has already taken the lead of us in this matter by the convention recently made with Great Britain, when the United States as kindred should have set the example."

OPERATORS ARE DETERMINED.

Colorado Owners Refuse to Have Anything to do With Mr. Mitchell.

Denver, Dec. 3.—Delos A. Chappell, president of the Victor Fuel Co., and J. Kearney, president of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, had a conference and agreed upon a line of action to be pursued in respect to any proposition that may be received from the United Mine Workers looking to the settlement of the strike in southern Colorado. It was definitely decided to reject the proposition which they were informed had been agreed on at the conference in Trinidad, and to advise the district officials to call off the strike if the operators will grant an eight-hour day, recognition of the union being waived. It also was practically decided to reject any proposition that may be received from the United Mine Workers. "Our course is fully determined upon," said Mr. Chappell, "we have nothing whatever to do with Mr. Mitchell and his colleagues."

PERSONALS.

Capt. Callister, Inspector of hulls, has returned from the mainland.

J. B. H. Hickaby, is back from a business trip to Vancouver.

Price Ellison, M. P. of Vernon, is here to take up his seasonal duties.

J. L. Howard, of the Western Fuel Co., has returned from a visit to the Sound. He proceeded to Nanaimo yesterday.

Ernest Hall is in the city. He will remain until tomorrow evening, and the interim may be found at Dr. Bolton's office. Dr. Hall is associated with Dr. Telford in the management of the Burrard Sanatorium, Vancouver.

L. B. Joseph, in charge of the logging operations at Port San Juan for a Victoria syndicate, is a guest at the Dominion.

A. E. Planta, A. R. Johnson and E. M. Yarwood, of Nanaimo, spent yesterday in the city.

C. F. Plummer came down from Vancouver last evening.

Wood of Greenwood, is in the city, a guest at the Driad.

Capt. Gauld returned from Vancouver last evening, having gone to that port on Thursday, when he conveyed Lord Dundonald and party to Port Simpson.

John Hendry and J. H. Higgins were passengers from Vancouver by the Charnier yesterday evening.

J. Hoffmann, Comox; F. E. Contt, J. Lawless, Renton, Wash.; A. M. Andrews, Cumberland, are at the Queen's.

M. S. Brown, of Lodysmith, and R. L. Goodwin, of Seattle, are at the Queen's.

SPORTING NEWS.

BASKETBALL.

Full arrangements have now been completed by the executive committee of the Victoria City Amateur Basketball League for the matches under their auspices. Three series of games have been provided for, viz., junior, intermediate and senior. In the junior the following teams are entered: Y. M. C. A., Cloverdale, Fernwood and Victoria West. The J. B. A. A., Fernwood, Victoria West and Y. M. C. A. will compete for honors in the intermediate and also in senior rank. A series of twelve games will be played in each grade, the senior matches being played on Saturday nights in connection with the Fifth Regiment band concerts at the Drill hall, and the junior and intermediate matches in the local halls of the competing clubs on Monday and Thursday nights each week, respectively.

In addition to the above an inter-city league has been formed between Vancouver and Victoria to determine the provincial championship. A Vancouver jewelry firm has put up a handsome cup as a trophy, and the following teams have been entered: Vancouver City Basketball Club, the Sixth Regiment, Vancouver, team, and the James Bays and Fernwoods of Victoria, necessitating six matches in each city. Satisfactory arrangements have been made with the Vancouver team, and these games will be played in the Drill hall in Victoria. The ladies also are in the field, and are taking great interest in the popular game. The Wanderers and Victorians, the two teams that played such an interesting match in the Y. M. C. A. hall, are open to challenges from all comers. The Victorians, having already played one match with the New Westminster ladies and another with the Fernwoods, are the latest to organize, and are now practicing steadily, and will doubtless be heard from shortly.

A perusal of this year's Spalding basketball rules show but few changes. The rule regarding side lines, instead of being compulsory, as last year, is now made optional, and there is now needed only one umpire instead of two, the duties of the other umpire being now added to those of the referee. It is thought that these changes will work well, doing away with a number of the disputes that occurred last season. Altogether the outlook is very bright for an interesting season of this popular and healthful game.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The match arranged between the Victoria Association Football Club and the Fernwoods of Victoria, after having been indefinitely postponed on account of the departure of H. M. S. Grafton for Denman Island. The Victoria players are requested to turn out for a practice at 3 o'clock.

The following team will represent Vancouver in their match against the Barracks on Monday, December 7th next:

Goal, E. B. Deane; backs, B. G. Shallcross, T. D. Stevens; half backs, W. E. Burns, F. G. Crickmay, G. W. Melhuish; forwards, F. J. Bayfield, C. W. Ponsford, R. S. Faulder, J. B. Farquhar, H. Murgatroyd and J. B. Nicolls.

THE RING.

George Kearns, featherweight, who is booked to box Caesar Attell at the Victoria on December 17th next, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon from Reno, Mont. Kearns will train here for the event.

Joe Grimm Defeated.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Joe Grimm, of Philadelphia, the man Bob Fitzsimmons defeated to knock out in six rounds, was defeated here tonight by Hugo Kelly, a Chicago middleweight.

Grimm was knocked out and was knocked down at least a dozen times. By constant clinch and staying down the limit every time he was knocked to the canvas he managed to last the six rounds. During the last round Grimm was staggered and over the ring from the punishment administered by Kelly.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

A return game will be played tomorrow afternoon at the Caledonia grounds between the Central Juniors and the Oak Rays. The last time these teams met the Centrals won by the narrow margin of one try and a very close and exciting game is looked forward to. All players are requested to be on hand at 1:30 p. m., as the senior game is called for 3:00. The following will represent the Central club: Full back, H. Ogden; three-quarters, L. Netherby, F. Anderson, W. Tord and A. Davidson; halves, W. Kinloch and L. Sanderson; forwards, W. Newcombe, L. Sweeney (capt.), F. Morris, A. Cleeg, J. Keefe, C. Wilson, T. Douglas, W. Loat, Reserves, A. Maroon, O. Anderson, G. Lyall and M. Carr.

JOINT HATCHERY FOR THE FRASER

Secretary Hay of United States Proposes Conference In That Regard.

A special despatch to Sound papers from Washington says: "Secretary Hay today has suggested that the Canadian government be invited through the British embassy to join in a conference for the purpose of establishing an international fish hatchery on the upper waters of the Fraser river. For a long time the fishermen of the state of Washington and of British Columbia have been at loggerheads, the Canadians claiming that the fishermen on the Sound caught all the fish with traps, while they were allowed to use nets only. "The matter has been the subject of correspondence for some months, but for some reason the Canadians have been reluctant to meet in conference for an amicable settlement of the question. Fish Commissioner George M. Bowers and the state fish commissioner, Kershaw, of Washington, it is now suggested, should meet with representatives of the British Columbia and the Dominion governments for the purpose of agreeing upon a site and the cost of establishing and maintaining an international hatchery, to the end that there may be fish enough in Fraser river for both the Americans and Canadians.

Boards Of Trade In Conference

Resolutions Passed at Session of Associated Bodies at Ro Island.

Final Meeting Last Night And Nelson Selected For Next Gathering.

Roseland, Dec. 3.—The Associated Board of Trade was in session again today. The resolutions dealt with were as follows:

Resolved that an import duty should be paid on American rough lumber brought into Canada.

Resolved that the government be petitioned to make maps of unoccupied lands in the outlying districts of the province.

The resolution by the Fernie board condemning the Canadian Pacific for failure to discharge duties as common carriers in connection with the East Kootenay coke and coal industry did not secure a seconder and was dropped.

Resolved that the provincial government be petitioned to grant cash subsidies to all branch railroads, and special attention directed to the case of the proposed Kootenay Central line.

A discussion on the East Kootenay coal and oil lands resulted in resolutions denouncing the policy of stocking up the lands, and urging the government to throw the territory open and adjudicate upon the rights of bona fide locators and to safeguard the interests of the province in respect thereto.

A resolution urging the abolition of the two per cent tax on ores was reaffirmed unanimously.

The federal government was thanked for granting the lead bounty.

The Fernie board's resolution, requesting legislation to make lumber mill products liable to taxation, was given the six months' notice.

The Roseland resolutions asking for the reserve of public lands for school purposes carried; also resolved to ask for free oil for concentrating purposes.

The last session of the convention takes place tomorrow. Next year's meeting will be held in Nelson.

NOVEMBER SCHOOL.

Statistics Showing the Attendance Variations in the Various Schools.

A good many school children did not respond to roll call last month. Some were sick, or their brothers or sisters were, and so did not go to school. Some were kept home as a measure of precaution for these and such like reasons that the total number present in all the schools during the month was not as large by a hundred or more as the aggregate of the names on the registers for the term. Besides these were last by those who were present at the time by reason of bad weather, petty illnesses and the thoughtlessness and indifference of parents to the great importance of regular school attendance. Notwithstanding these adverse conditions the daily averages was within a decimal of the nominal 90 per cent.

The total attendance for the month was 2,644, the percentage in daily average attendance being 89.34. This, considering all the conditions, is a fair average. Through November of last year gave somewhat over 90 per cent. The High school, the Boys Central and the South Park schools were the only ones having last month 90 per cent to their credit, the Boys school average being 91.86.

Three of the schools reported for each division the number of children who were present every session of the month. In the Boys' school these aggregate more than half the whole enrollment, or 272 out of 566 present for the month. The numbers who made perfect attendance in the various divisions of these schools were:

Boys' School—Division 1, 28; 2, 27; 3, 27; 4, 23; 5, 34; 6, 24; 7, 28; 8, 26; 9, 27; 10, 28. Total, 272, or 54.4 per cent.

Girls' School—Division 1, 22; 2, 15; 3, 22; 4, 10; 5, 20; 6, 27; 7, 24; 8, 16; 9, 16; 10, 17. Total, 172, or 37.4 per cent.

Victoria West—Division 1, 12; 2, 23; 3, 16; 4, 17; 5, 25; 6, 8; Total 95, or 47.8 per cent.

Hillside—Division 1, 16; 2, 12; 3, 8. Total, 36, or 29 per cent.

The highest percentage of regular attendance was made by the first division of the High school, the score being 98 per cent. The others that passed the 95 per cent mark were: South Park, first division, 96.97; Victoria West, second division, 96.87; North Ward, first division, 96.73; Boys' Central, first division, 95.92; Victoria West, first division, 95.23. Other divisions that reached 90 per cent were:

High School, divisions 4, 5 and 6.

Boys' School, divisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 10.

Girls' School, divisions 2 and 3.

North Ward, divisions 2, 5 and 7.

South Park, divisions 2, 3, 6 and 8.

Victoria West, divisions 3 and 5.

Spring Ridge, divisions 1 and 3.

Kingsdon street, division 1.

Following is a summary of the attendance for all the schools:

School.	No. Present.	No. Absent.	No. Girls.	Daily Av.	Att. P. C.	Fairness.
High	500	50	100	163.54	90.87	92
Boys	566	50	272	450.73	91.86	91
Girls	450	40	220	400.75	88.61	83
N. Ward	450	25	200	400.75	88.61	83
S. Ward	374	187	187	340.98	90.11	41
Vic. West	190	91	108	178.82	89.87	32
Sp. Ridge	150	40	66	130.78	80.55	54
Hillside	123	74	49	100.99	82.10	21
Kingsdon	135	78	55	118.80	84.90	14
Rock Bay	63	38	25	55.00	87.30	14
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GOVERNMENT VICTORY ON THE MERITS.

The Provincial Government was yesterday decisively sustained, as it deserved to be, on the merits of the case presented on its behalf, when the Opposition inadvisably challenged a division on the Loan Bill. Three members, representing respectively Labor and Socialism, voted with the Government, no practicable alternative being presented to the proposed bill, and this made the vote 22 to 16 in favor of the measure.

The leader of the Opposition spoke quietly but unequivocally, in support of a really unavailable alternative policy of temporizing, and partially deferring the meeting of a pressing Provincial obligation. Mr. Macdonald had virtually no method to substitute for a short-term loan, annually reducible, and neither he nor Mr. Oliver, upon whom the Opposition seems to rely largely for financial counsel, was able to show that their party had secured any evidence of the possibility of better, or even as good, terms in the matter, whilst Mr. Tatlow, as finance minister, declared that the measure had only been framed after various negotiations and investigations carefully conducted in connection with the representatives of leading chartered banks and other financial bodies, knowing well the present state of the money market.

Mr. McInnes, it is true, had something more definite to propose, and rushed in impetuously, whither the more cautious of his party had declined to travel, and then failed to show that even his own scheme could raise more than half the amount needed, and this at a far larger cost than any involved in the bill. His suggested solution of the problem was, moreover, very peculiar, in view of the many liberal utterances of the recent election campaign, for these almost invariably made much of the value of the reserved coal and oil lands of southeast Kootenay, assessing this at several million dollars at least. The member for Alberni suggested that the Government could, by offering such lands to prospective applicants, secure very shortly, not several million dollars, but a comparatively small total—named by himself—at about \$500,000, or half the amount of the pressing indebtedness which has now to be met. He would seemingly sacrifice big possibilities of increment to the Province from these reserved lands by capitalizing these possibilities at a large present discount, in order to meet a temporary obligation capable of being far more cheaply liquidated by the Government's proposal.

However the speech, suggestion and accompanying challenge of the member for Alberni served one very useful purpose, for they brought out the strength of the Government case for the bill, which must have carried conviction to any impartial hearer, as the facts in its support remained unchallenged. It was shown that the great banks were unwilling, save possibly at a very high rate of interest, to take up the million dollar loan, there being for general industrial purposes such a demand for the money at their command for investment, as to make it worth probably an average of about 6 per cent.

Practically such a loan was more acceptable at a moderate rate of interest to such bodies as insurance and other corporations seeking sure investments for considerable sums for terms of years. A rate of 5 per cent. for such a loan issued at par is really the best obtainable under existing circumstances, and this was well shown by reference to the case of a far more populous and wealthier British possession than this Province, viz., the State of Victoria, Australia.

That State had quite recently to raise the sum of £1,508,900 for a term of two and a half years. It offered interest at 4 per cent., not five it is true, but the loan was issued at a discount of £98. 15s. per cent. There were also underwriting and other charges against the loan, together with deductions for commission, etc., on enabling periodically interest payments to London, England. As a result the flotation of the Victoria loan involves for that State an annual charge which is equivalent, not of 5 per cent. per annum but of £5.4s. or 5-1-5 per cent. Then, too, holders of this Victoria 4 per cent. stock can, at any time the state of the money market seems to make it desirable for them, exchange that for which they give £98. 15s. into £101 of 3½ per cent. inscribed stock of the colony. A bonus is thus offered.

Hence the Provincial loan is really floated on better terms than that of the great Australian State, for it will just cost 5 per cent. net, and as the interest is payable here there will be no charges for interest transmission to England. This was clearly and convincingly brought out in the debate of yesterday, and every dispassionate hearer of intelligence must surely have been persuaded that the Government plan had stood absolutely the test of Opposition criticism.

In fact a real Opposition policy on the matter is non-existent, and substituted only by weak pleas for delay in meeting the obligation as a whole, such pleas being seen-

ingly inspired by a Micawber-like hope for something of advantage to "turn up" somewhere at some time in a future as indefinite as the Opposition ideas of finance.

SHARING TERM LEASING OF METAL MINES.

It seems likely that a number of interesting and it is to be hoped profitable trials will shortly be made in the Kootenays, especially in the Slocan district, of a mine leasing system based on proceeds or profit sharing between lessor and lessee, which has frequently worked well in Colorado and other Western States. A trial of this has resulted favorably in the case of the well-known Enterprise Mine, and other mining company owners are considering like methods of dealing with properties not yielding satisfactory results when worked by themselves. The system is more especially applicable to mine properties of moderate size, calling more for industrial skill economically exercised, than for any large further expenditure of capital.

Mining lessees who depend under the system for returns which in their cases have to represent wages as well as profits, are naturally inclined to put in good and economic work, which is further assured by safeguarding conditions of their lease, preventing the "gutting or butchering" of the mine. And on the other hand the mine owners save considerable expense of management and superintendence, and make an almost clear gain of the amount of the percentage of mine proceeds, which accrues to them as rent. Another advantage of the system where applicable, is that it obviously tends to prevent disputes between labor and capital by applying the principle of profit sharing. Such a system of leasing mines will naturally be profitably applicable, as a rule to properties, which can be worked by a comparatively few hands, most of whom consist of the men actually taking up the lease.

It is not, as before indicated, a plan that can be applied to large mines needing both large capitalization and much specialist superintendence and extensive plant. There should seemingly, however, be quite a number of promising opportunities for a trial of the system in various parts of the Kootenays.

British home object lessons in support of Mr. Chamberlain's policy continue to accumulate. The latest will probably have a very telling effect on Monmouthshire sentiment, which is at present divided on Imperial issues. Sir William Harcourt, the noted leader of the Little Englanders, holding by a majority vote one of that county's chief constituencies. It is now announced that the Monmouthshire Steel and Tin Plate Works, employing a thousand hands, declares that owing to the dumping of American and German steel in Great Britain the profitable continuation of its business is impossible. It has notified its employees that beginning with December they will be engaged under weekly, instead of monthly contracts, so as to enable suspension of engagement at short notice. The company has spent £40,000 during the last five years in modernizing its plant.

How widespread is the effect of the moneyed world's present financial condition on national and public loans in general, is just now illustrated by the case of France, as well as by that of Great Britain, though both countries stand like the United States, in the front rank as regards excellence of national credit. A despatch from Paris, which appeared in yesterday's issue, shows that the subject has been under discussion in the Chamber of Deputies, where M. Rouvier, as Minister of Finance, was compelled to explain at length that the national "rentes," which correspond with the "consols" of Great Britain, have like the latter, temporarily fallen greatly in market value, as a result of general causes, one of these being a deficit in the French Budget and another, of course, the present position in the Orient. M. Rouvier added, that if the Opposition impeded supply, his government would be compelled to raise money by short-time obligations and possibly also issue another loan. When the Finance Minister of a strong and well managed land like France, thus admits there is some strain, albeit comparatively small and passing, upon its financial position, it is no wonder that a Province like ours finds it necessary to pay a rather higher rate than usual, for borrowed money.

THE GAME LAW.

To the Editor,
Sir,—As you are aware, some of us have been working for several months in the direction of the protection for game and fish of the province. We have held weekly meetings, and with the kind assistance of one or two legal gentlemen, have been trying to frame an Act to be presented to the legislature. Our object throughout has been so to frame that Act as to stop the ill-considered destruction which is going on without hampering or inconveniencing the owners of land, and next to the true sportsman, whether he be rich or poor. I say first the occupier of land, because, though all classes who have cast their lot in B. C. are interested in the subject, the farmers are, if they would only realize it, more interested than any other class. It would be easy for me to bring forward proof of the great importance to all here of maintaining a reasonable stock of game and sporting fish, but respect for your space prevents my attempting to do so. Sufficient proof is demonstrated by the fact that many of the other great countries have laws which protect the game and fish in introducing what we have got here, and only require to preserve. What I ask your assistance in pointing out is this: That the game and fish are not so plentiful as to attempt to impose upon the community an Act framed according to their own ideas, regardless of those of others. We have been throughout in correspondence with the mainland societies, and hope to receive a delegation from them this week. Two other members and I myself, were deputed to attend a meeting at Duncan's, on the subject of game, and the object of obtaining the opinions and suggestions of the residents in that district. I was chosen to explain the draft Act to them, and after doing so I did my best to convince them of our anxiety to meet their views as far as possible, having no regard to the views of others. Though I know very well that some of our proposals constitute a new departure, and were bound to be rather unpopular to many who do not quite realize the influence of altered circumstances, I was listened to with patience and courtesy. I do not mention this as a matter of surprise, because I am not so acquainted with the people of Cowichan to expect any other treatment. What did surprise me was the interest shown and the small number of objections in a very representative meeting. I received some very good suggestions, both at and after the meeting which shall receive due consideration. A district branch is being formed, who will discuss the matter more fully, and we hope soon to receive a report from them. My

principal object in writing, however, is to make one complaint. I heard before leaving Duncan that a petition was being ready promoted against the proposed imposition of a small gun license, and that this petition was being taken round to farmers and others who were not present at the meeting to hear our explanation of the reasons which led to that provision in the draft bill, and more than that, that some of the promoters of this petition were obtaining names by entirely misrepresenting the provisions contained in the draft bill. Now, this is not fair play. We have done everything in our power to invite intelligent criticism, and I myself begged the duty of sixty people present at the meeting to mention any suggestion and make every objection they could think of. We also promised that the bill should await their suggestions after they had full time to discuss it at their own branch meetings. A very great deal of time and trouble has been expended in framing the draft bill, so as to penalize the poacher and illegal trespasser, and dealer in game, and to avoid grievance to either farmers or fair sportsmen. No one who has not tried it can have any idea how difficult it is to make adequate regulations in this matter without treading on somebody's pet corn. In fact, we all know that almost in all cases regulations made to restrain abuses must inconvenience innocent people, as well as offenders. The real question is this: Is the object for which we are working of sufficient importance to induce the honest majority to submit to some restraint and inconvenience for the sake of attaining that object? It surely is not too much to ask the people of Cowichan not to sign the petition in question, or to hold any other, until they have had time to discuss and consider the real reasons for and meaning of the gun license and other provisions in the draft Act.

EDWARD MUSGRAVE.

PRESS COMMENT.

Some deliver into the records of the Cobden Club, has discovered that in 1883 "Theodore Roosevelt, United States American," was a member of the free trade organization. There has been a change since 1883. Mr. Roosevelt is now head of the protectionist party in one of the most highly protectionist of countries. His case is not the only one that shows the Cobden Club to be going down.—Montreal Gazette.

The London Times having described Hon. George E. Foster as a member of the Privy Council of Canada, the Toronto Globe expresses the hope that our British friends will not mistake Mr. Foster for a member of the present Canadian government. We join in the hope, not only for the sake of Mr. Foster, but in the interests of the Atlantic should fall into the mistake of the member of the House of Commons, who is advocating a policy so patriotic, and so wise as that which Mr. Chamberlain has promulgated and which Mr. Foster is assisting.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

Senator Haile, of Maine, sees in Mr. Chamberlain's policy the beginning of a war of tariffs between Britain and the States. The regulations Mr. Haile were afraid back, when the republic undertook to exclude British manufactures by a protective tariff. The States can say not a word in protest if Britain follows their lead.—Montreal Herald.

The South African Bond has lost control of the Cape government and will probably never regain it. The new government will redistribute the constituencies according to the new reinforcement of population which is practically all British in sentiment, and the Bond, one of the gravest dangers to the colony in the past, will be relegated to the subordinate position in affairs where it belongs. As population increases as the result of immigration it will gradually become a more factious and a dominant party.—Ottawa Citizen.

The Kaiser has taken a very special interest in the trial of Lieutenant Blise, as much for the breach of military discipline involved in the publication of this novel as on account of the loose state of morality which it has admittedly brought to light. It is probable that the case will result in several cashierings seeing that, in his general order for the regulation of affairs of honor, the Emperor had it down that "an officer who is capable of wantonly tampering with the honor of a comrade I will not tolerate in the army under any circumstances." As for Lieutenant Blise himself, he is almost certainly to be cashiered off in the time of the Emperor's ancestor, Frederick the Great, who viewed with indifference all rebels, either against his army or against the Emperor, and that any of his subjects was at liberty to say or write what he liked. In one of his walks through Berlin he came upon a knot of persons eagerly scanning a scurrilous lampoon on himself posted up on a house wall. "Put it a little lower down," he said to one of his attendants, "so that all may be able to read it."—London Chronicle.

The Globe appeals pitilessly to the manufacturers to keep the tariff question out of politics, and even threatens them with a return to what it calls "reasonable and sane" duties, if they do not do so. The tariff is to be credited with knowing something about their own business; perhaps not so much as the revered editor of the Globe, but at any rate something. The impression is very general among the manufacturers that more protection is essential to the very existence of their industries. Why should they refrain from asking, in very respectful terms, that the tariff be increased? Simply because they are told by an estimable clergyman that he has given some little attention to the subject and has decided that a high tariff is not good for them.—Montreal Star.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

The anniversary of St. Andrew's Day was last night celebrated in Rosedale. In some respects the banquet with which the local St. Andrew's Society marked the day was among the most notable of the long list which the Golden City has witnessed from year to year. Rarely indeed has there been such a genuine outpouring of goodwill as was manifested last night, and in the memories of many of those in attendance the function will be ranked up as a valuable red letter event.—Rossland Miner.

The declared exports through Nelson to the United States are rapidly reaching a very large sum. When questioned yesterday by a reporter of the Daily News as to the value of these exports, W. S. Riblet, U. S. Consul, replied that the returns had not yet arrived for the last three months, but for the previous quarter the value of the exports was as follows: Copper bullion, \$524,820; silver and lead bullion, \$115,543.65; gold bullion, \$18,250; household goods, \$622,500; and other goods, \$1,000. Total value of exports, \$653,488. For the quarter before the total had been about the same, so that for the year the total would probably reach over two million five hundred thousand dollars.—Nelson News.

Mr. Robbins, of Elkton, died at the Fernie hospital on Tuesday night of typhoid fever. He was the father of the late Mr. Robbins who recently died at Elkton of the same disease. His body was taken to Elkton for interment, where his son was buried. The family came from Bradford some time ago. The old gentleman was a brother-in-law of J. Coward, of Fernie. Mrs. Robbins, widow of the late Frank Robbins, is slowly recovering from a severe attack of typhoid at the Fernie hospital.—Morrissey Despatch.

A rather extensive slide occurred on the C. P. R. near Kitchener on Saturday night. Although the fortunate escape of the train was due to the fact that the engine was not on the slide, it was a very large one. The engine was on the slide for a period of five hours. The exact scene of the slide is mileage 57 reckoned from Cranbrook.—Cranbrook Herald.

Mr. Hughes went to Ottawa last January, to assist in securing aid from parliament for the development of the Kootenay. He went to where he was raised in the state of Maryland and spent the summer and fall. From his old home in Maryland he made many side trips, and was often in New York. Mr. Hughes is looked on as one of the most level-headed mining men in the Slocan, a man who does not make extravagant statements, and he has been very successful in his mining in New York for a mining venture than any other business enterprise.—Nelson Tribune.

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MEN AND THINGS.

Rev. Dr. C. H. Beale of Boston, has accepted a call extended to him to assume the pastorate of the Grand Avenue Congregational church, Milwaukee, and vacant some months ago by the death of Rev. George H. Ide.

Colonel Alexander McClure, who has been appointed prothonotary of the supreme court for the eastern district of Pennsylvania, will receive between \$12,000 and \$15,000 a year. The colonel, who will be 70 years old next January, took in the decline of Lake Superior stock some months ago, suffering to the extent of about \$125,000.

J. Dundee Lippincott, a member of the well known Philadelphia publishing house, has announced his intention to enter the matrimonial state for the second time. He will be married on the 21st inst. to Miss Belle Armstrong, the daughter of a prominent lawyer of the Quaker city, having offices in that town. Mr. Lippincott has been a widow since 1883.

Miss Takahira, wife of the Japanese minister to the United States, prefers American costumes to those of her sisters in the East. Madam is the only Oriental woman presiding over a legation at Washington. She is a dainty little lady, with the exquisitely delicate moulding of the Japanese. She is scarcely five feet high, but graceful in her carriage and movements. She has learned to speak English fluently since her arrival in the United States three years ago.

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And many more. For a more complete list of today's offerings see yesterday's paper.

The Ribbon Sale Continues to Interest Many People

1,000 yards of our Staple Black and White Double-faced Satin Ribbons go on sale TODAY.
All the 35c., 50c. and 65c. qualities marked 15c. per yard.

65c Underwear For 50c

A mixed lot of Men's Wood Underwear, regular 65c. TODAY 50c.
Men's Grey All-Wool Socks, good, heavy weight; should be sold at 25c. pair. Our price, 3 for 50c.
Ladies' and Misses' Lined Kid Gloves, Special 75c.

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There's a satisfaction in making good investments in Stockings and Socks such as these sorts. They are well made and feel comfortable on the feet—no rough seams or knots to cause trouble; well shaped, too—even the lowest priced hosiery has style and fit to it.

Misses' Cashmere Hoses, sizes 7-2 and 8; regular 35c. TODAY, 25c.
Ladies' Ribbed All-Wool Hosiery; special 25c. pair.
Ladies' Winter Weight Cashmere Hosiery, Special, 3 pairs for \$1.00.

Sale Of Men's Suits TODAY

At \$7.50 Per Suit, Reg. \$10 & \$12.50

Men's Slippers.

A Slipper Go For Saturday, 162 Pairs

Three leathers, goatskin, dongola and seal; five colors, black, wine, chocolate, oxblood and tan; two styles, Everett and oxford; three qualities, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00.

This lot was made out of odd pieces of leather. Manufacturers once a year cut all the odd lengths of leather, suitable for slippers, into popular styles, and we were fortunate this time to procure a lot at a big reduction.

Silk Department

A few December Sale Specials to be seen on our counter this morning: Anzora Plush, the latest millinery novelty (colors marine blue, moleskin, brown and myrtle); regular \$1.25. On sale at 75c.
Fancy Broches in evening shades; regular \$1.00. On sale at 55c.
Fancy Striped Satins, made especially for coat linings; regular 75c. and \$1.00. On sale at 55c.
Small Stripes and Shepherd Checks in black and white; regular 90c. and \$1.00. On sale at 65c.
All our white and evening effects in Broches on sale at 55c., 75c., 85c., \$1.15 and \$1.25.
During this month all Fancy Silks are reduced.

Xmas Gifts—Cut Glass

Bon Bons, Cream and Sugar, Berry Dishes, Water Bowls, Fruit Dishes, Cruet, etc.

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Bon Bons, Fruit, Celery, Cream and Sugar.

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At \$12.50 each, are well worth a visit to the third floor to see.

Bargains in the Millinery Department

TODAY, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50.
Trimmed Hats for girls, on sale TODAY at \$1.50 each.

\$1.00 Serge For 65c

26½ yards Black Serge, heavy weight, suitable for short walking skirts; regular \$1.00. TODAY 65c.

50c Caps For 25c

Still good choosing from the lot of sample Caps at 25c.; worth 50c.

Men's Swell Neckwear

The very latest Silks are here in the popular shapes. Prices, 50c., 75c. and \$1.00.

\$8.50 to \$15.00 Outside Skirts Today \$6.50 Each

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Was Settled.—The assault case which
was called in the police court yesterday
morning was adjourned until this after-
noon, when it was announced that the
case had been settled out of court.Xmas Jewelry.—The display of Xmas
jewelry at E. Anderson's jewelry store,
92 Government street, is now complete,
and the prices, as advertised elsewhere
in this paper, are very reasonable.Just the Thing.—The local Xmas cards
now on exhibition at the City hall,
beautiful, and "just the thing" to send to
friends at a distance. No one should
fail to see them.Barry-Garnett.—On Wednesday last
at Dunsmuir, Rev. W. C. Schlichter united
in marriage Mr. Tierney P. Barry and
Miss Letitia Rose Garnett, both of
Shawnigan.Home Nursing Society.—The annual
meeting of the Home Nursing Society
was held yesterday morning at the City
hall. Full reports of the past year's
work will appear in Sunday morning's
paper.Fish and Game Club.—This evening
there will be a meeting of the Fish and
Game Club at the Tourist Association
rooms on Port street. The meeting is
called for 8 o'clock, and a large attend-
ance of members is desired.C. O. F. Dance.—Last evening in Sir
William Wallace Hall the Companions
of the Forest held one of their forth-
nightly dances. There was a good at-
tendance. Refreshments were served
during the evening.Royal Artillery Minstrels.—A perfor-
mance will be given on Wednesday,
the 9th inst., at 8 p.m., in the Grand
Work Point barracks. A capital pro-
gramme has been arranged, including
the latest songs, jokes and two funny
sketches.The Allison Fund.—Mr. G. E. Cowan
yesterday deposited in a local bank to
the credit of Mr. and Mrs. Allison, who
were the sufferers from the gasoline
explosion on Yates street, the sum of
\$200. Mrs. Allison had previously de-
posited the sum of \$220. This in-
dicates that the fund raised for the
sufferers is a very substantial one.Orangemen Elect Officers.—L. O. L.
1,420, met last night and elected the
following officers: W. H. Tronsdale, W.
M. Harvey Creech, dep. master; the
Rev. Osterhout, chaplain; George O'Neil,
recording secretary; E. C. R. Burgess,
financial secretary; John Walsh, treas-
urer; Fred. Allett, director of cere-
monies; A. R. Nobbs, lecturer.Was in Possession.—An Indian woman
was arrested last night charged with
being in possession of intoxicants. She
had not time to get on the outside of the
liquor, with the result that her crime is
the more serious in the eyes of the law.
The fine is as large as a rule for
being drunk as it is for being in pos-
session of the goods in the bottle.Died at Hospital.—The death occur-
red yesterday morning at the Jubilee
hospital of Duane McDonald, of Belton
avenue. The remains were removed to
the parlors of W. J. Hanna. Deceased
was 63 years of age and a native of
Nova Scotia. He leaves a widow and
one son to mourn his loss. The funeral
will take place tomorrow at 2 p.m. from
the residence.Substantial Donation.—The proceeds
of the daily sale at the Home for Aged
and Infirm Women, held by the C.
P. Society on Tuesday last, were \$110,
which handsome sum is divided between
the home and the Protestant Orphans'
Home. A few dolls are still unsold,
and will be on sale at the home on
Tuesday night next. Tea and cake will
be served during the evening.Died Last Evening.—Mrs. Emma
Chalmers, of Salt Spring Island, died
last evening at the residence of her
brother, James Chalmers, of Howland
corner of Cadboro Bay road and Foul
Bay road. Mrs. Chalmers was 48 years
of age and a native of the Isle of
Wight. The funeral is arranged to take
place on Monday at 2 p.m. from the
above residence. The Rev. Mr. Blyth
will conduct the services.R. E. Quadrille Club.—This flourish-
ing organization, founded two years ago
by the Royal Engineers on this station,
will hold a dance on Thursday, Decem-
ber 17th next. On New Year's eve the
club proposes giving a ball. The best
of music and refreshments are provided
at these "hops," and those lucky
enough to attend are always
able to avail themselves of the hospi-
tality of the boys in red.Church Entertainment.—The entertain-
ment to be given by Miss Ella De
Voe in the Congregational church on
Tuesday evening, should prove very en-
tertaining. Miss De Voe is a dramatic
reader of Seattle, and comes recom-
mended very highly by press and pulpit
of that state. She is heard to equal
advantage in numerous characteristics of
heroic passages, and has received the
highest praise where she has been heard
for her adaptability to the most varied
roles. This entertainment should be of
the highest order, and should merit the
patronage of all.Cheminists Notes.—There was a seri-
ous accident on the Tyee aerial tram
line on Wednesday. The new heavy
transmission rope was being replaced,
and the wire rope passed got away from
the men looking after it, and the bars, flying
round with great rapidity, struck Henry
Gibbs and W. McKay, seriously injuring
them. Both were taken to the hospital at
once. Gibbs being sent to Cheminists
hospital, but McKay's injuries were too
painful to permit of his removal. The
British ship Port Stanley has sailed for
Tahiti, Chili. New loading are
Neville and Wilhelm; next due, the
Khyber.Farewell Social.—The farewell social
at the Salvation Army hall last evening
was a decided success. Mr. Ritchie
delighted the audience with his steeple-
chase service. "Home and Abroad,"
the views being clear and some very
fine work was shown on the
canvas. Adjutant Dean and Captain
Painstern leave on the Vancouver boat
this evening en route for Nelson. The
sister, William and wife will not ar-
rive until Saturday afternoon on the
Seattle boat. Their welcome meeting
will be on Saturday evening. Adjutant
Dean and Captain Painstern desire to
thank the people of Victoria for their
liberal support and the way in which
they have responded during their stay
in the city.The Doll Exhibit.—The following is a
list of some of the prize winners at the
doll exhibit held last Wednesday. The
oldest doll belonged to Mrs. Appleby.
It was 90 years old. Another, belong-
ing to the same lady, possessed a re-
markable history too long to note. The
next was a doll of "Home and Abroad,"
Miss Wollaston; bride doll, Miss Isabel
Demworthy; oldest best preserved doll,
Miss Taylor; prettiest girl doll, Miss
B. L. Richards; prettiest boy doll, V.
E. M. Sweet; smallest doll, Miss Alma
Clark; loveliest doll, Mrs. McDermott;
best rag doll, Master Forrest; best wood-
en doll, Miss Blossom Fawcett; best
baby doll, Miss Gaudin Redbeck; best
darkey, Miss Taylor; best character
doll, Vernon; 2nd prize, Miss A. D.
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geon Bay, Simcoe County, Ont., whom
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bottled.CASE OF HOPPER
VERSUS DUNSMUIRTrial of Will Contest Opened
Yesterday Before Mr. Jus-
tice Drake.The celebrated will case, Hopper vs.
Dunsmuir, was opened yesterday morning
before Mr. Justice Drake. The plaintiff
was in court with her New York counsel,
Judge Cuyne, her counsel being J. H.
Dallas Heintzen, K. C., and E. V. Rod-
well, K. C. Defendant's counsel were E.
P. Davis, K. C., and A. P. Luxton.
Mr. Heintzen applied for an adjourn-
ment until Monday next, owing to the ill-
ness of his colleague, Mr. Duff.
Mr. Davis declined to consent, urging
there was sufficient evidence taken on com-
mission to keep the case going for two
days.Mr. Justice Drake directed that the case
be proceeded with.
Mr. Rodwell, opening the plaintiff's case,
claimed that when the will was made in
favor of James Dunsmuir, the late Alex-
ander Dunsmuir was not of sound mind
and not able to carry on any actual busi-
ness. He said the deceased gentleman
never acted rationally subsequent to his
singing this will, and that death occurred
one month later. Plaintiff's mother was
in poor health at the time, and her knowl-
edge of its execution until defendant endeavored
to induce her to sign a document relinquish-
ing her rights. In fact, according to Mr.
Rodwell, her own solicitors induced her to
sign the document on December 1st, 1900,
and she died during June, 1901.Mr. Rodwell then proceeded with the
reading of the evidence taken on commis-
sion.
The first testimony was that of Dr. B.
Marshall of New York, whose evidence
showed that he knew Alexander Dunsmuir,
and attended him at San Francisco in 1880.
He continued to attend him until 1897. He
last saw him eight months previous to his
decease. He said he was very fond of his
wife and of the plaintiff, and would not
consider that at the last time he saw Mr.
Dunsmuir he was of sound mind.Mr. Luxton read the cross-examination,
which dealt with the frequency of his vis-
its. The evidence showed that in 1880
Dr. Marshall was not of sufficient
sound mind from 1896 to 1897 to, at any
time carry on a connected conversation.
Edward A. Crownshield, a cousin of
Alexander Dunsmuir, and he met Mr. Dun-
smuir at the Grand hotel in 1890. He re-
mained much affected in body and mind. He
last saw him about Christmas, 1899, short-
ly before his decease. He said Mr. Dunsmuir
was always very affectionate to his wife
and Mrs. Hopper.At the afternoon sitting the reading of
the evidence taken at New York was again
proceeded with. The evidence of Dr. Cuy-
ne was read, the mental condition of the
late Alexander Dunsmuir and his wife be-
ing the point involved in the whole exami-
nation.

The case will proceed this morning.

R. E. BAZAAR AT
PHILHARMONIC HALL.Pretty Operetta Rendered Last
Evening—Ladies Give Very
Clever Fancy Drill.The ladies of the R-formed Episcopal
church opened their annual bazaar at the
Philharmonic Hall, Fort street, yesterday
afternoon. The hall was very prettily de-
corated, and the ladies were tastefully
dressed. The articles displayed were of
both the useful and ornamental varieties,
and found ready sale. The booths were
under the care of the following ladies:
Miss B. B. Carter and Miss Mary
Ellis; plain work, Mesdames Landy and
George; dolls, etc., Mrs. and Miss Newbury;
photos, Mrs. Lester; candy, Misses McFay-
ish and Weller; handkerchiefs, Mrs.
Schwenger and Miss Lawson; orange tree,
Miss B. Fawcett; hand worked Xmas cards,
blotters, etc., Mrs. W. R. Higgins.In the evening an excellent entertain-
ment was given by the ladies of the
operetta entitled "The Dairy Maid's Festi-
val," and had been written for the oc-
casion. The airs were appropriated from
songs in the opera "The Merry Widow," and
popular melodies, and were exceedingly well
staged. The Masters Landy made up into an
exceedingly funny couple, and elicited
much laughter, especially when singing
time came. The fancy drill by the ladies
was very pretty and well executed and
thoroughly deserved the hearty encore re-
ceived. The costumes were very appropri-
ate, and the whole performance well served
and given with much spirit and nerve.The operetta will be repeated tonight and
an added attraction viz luncheon from 12
to 2 this afternoon, should meet with the
approval and patronage of the business
men.The following is the cast for the oper-
etta: Little maid, Misses Pauline, Green,
Hilshon, Wilson and Jay; Lady, Miss Nettie
Fitzgerald; Betty, Miss Colquhoun; Bo Peep,
Miss Schell; Polly, Miss Doherty; Molly,
Mrs. Hinton; Joe, Louis York; Jamie, Peter
Brown, Jr.; Jersey Lily, Miss Dorothy Klum-
ham; fabrics, Miss Lester and Willie Fleet;
chorus of milkmaids, Miss Nicholles,
Holmes, Castleton, George, Burt, Fawcett,
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MAYO BRACER, CLAM COCKTAILS,
K. P. C. WINE—TRY THEM.Waterman's Fountain Pens at Hib-
ben's.An excellent present is a Pretty Water
or Lemonade Set. We have a large
variety. Prices from \$1 to \$1.75. All
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R. A. Brown & Co's, 80 Douglas
street.Lott's and Canadian Official Diaries
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4. Valse de Concert, Op 12..... Liebling
5. Hilaria, Op 6..... Moret
6. Summer (Vocal)..... Chamblade
7. Polonaise, Op 44..... Chopin
8. The Holy City (Vocal)..... Adams
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Status of the Sealing Question

What Has Been Done at Various
Meetings of the Board
of Trade.

Meeting This Evening Will Take
Up Matter of Memorial
to Government.

A very important meeting of the Board of Trade is to be held this evening, when further consideration will be given to a resolution in regard to the sealing industry. The status of the question as it now is before the Board will be better understood from the following explanation: On October 1st, the Board of Trade, at its meeting, appointed a committee of three under the following resolution:

"That a committee of three be appointed to gather information for report to this board on the efforts now being made by certain citizens of the United States through Dominion and Imperial channels to secure complete monopoly of the sealing industry of the Pacific Coast."

On November 4th the committee reported to the Board on the efforts now being made by certain citizens of the United States through Dominion and Imperial channels to secure complete monopoly of the sealing industry of the Pacific Coast.

The case as laid before the board is as follows: By the award of the Tribunal of Arbitration, 1893, the use of firearms in the Behring Sea by British subjects was prohibited, as also hunting seals within sixty miles of the shore, and the strict observance of a close season. These restrictions were a very serious blow to those who had capital invested in the industry, but after making a formal and vigorous protest, the new conditions imposed were received with the best possible grace, and for some years past have been accepted in consequence of their international import without much complaint. In later years, however, most serious grounds for complaint have arisen, viz: The Japanese have exerted their right on the high seas, and have been hunting seals in the Behring Sea with firearms at all seasons to within the three-mile limit of the seal islands. There is another aspect from which these conditions must be viewed, the hunting of British subjects being prohibited from using firearms, observe a close season and approach within sixty miles of the seal islands, while a foreign country can engage in sealing without any such restrictions.

Upon learning these facts the board was very deeply impressed with the changed conditions and without hesitation unanimously resolved to support the petition of the Victoria Sealing Company.

I was instructed when transmitting the accompanying copy to advise the board's action herein, and in being understood that the award of the Tribunal of Arbitration will be considered in the very near future to ask your best endeavors to secure for the Canadians engaged in the sealing industry, similar privileges to those enjoyed by foreign countries, most particularly in so far as close season, limits from the shore and the use of firearms are concerned.

Secretary Elworthy also forwarded the following letter to Hon. Richard McBride:

Victoria, Nov. 10, 1903.

Hon. Richard McBride, Premier of British Columbia, Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir,—I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a petition to the Crown by the Victoria Sealing Company, together with a copy of the board's letter to the Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, when forwarding a duplicate.

As these documents will doubtless make the case of our sealing men plain to you, it is considered sufficient to ask your best offices in securing the relief desired.

F. ELWORTHY, Secretary.

At a council meeting held on the 20th inst. the following report from a special committee was presented:

To the Officers and Members, Council of the Board of Trade.

Sirs,—Your special committee appointed to enquire into the negotiations said to be pending for the sale of certain sealing privileges, beg leave to make the following report:

A thorough investigation of this matter would require several weeks further time with access to papers and persons beyond at present reach of your committee. Sufficient information is at hand, however, to show the necessity for immediate action.

We understand that certain proposals will be laid before the next commission, which we learn will be at no distant date, having a direct and far-reaching effect upon the rights and privileges of our industry.

We would strongly recommend that no time be lost in impressing upon the provincial government the necessity of safeguarding the citizens' interests.

That the words following the word "Whereas" be omitted from the proposed resolution and the following words substituted: "This meeting endorses the action of the council in supporting the petition of the Victoria Sealing Company; resolved, that further consideration of the sealing question be adjourned at the call of the chair."

Discussion continued till about 10 o'clock when a motion was made to adjourn the debate to this evening. The foregoing amendment was then withdrawn and the motion to adjourn carried.

That the report be received and filed and that the Premier be requested to request the Premier of Canada that no settlement shall be made in regard to the sealing question until the people of Victoria and this board shall have been given an opportunity to consider the nature of any proposed action.

Secretary Elworthy then forwarded the following letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier:

The Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, Ottawa.

Dear Sir,—On the 9th inst. I had the honor to transmit a copy of the petition to the Crown by the Victoria Sealing Company, praying that British subjects may be placed on equality with the Japanese in regard to their rights on the high seas when hunting for seals in the Behring Sea, which petition was unanimously approved by this board.

I have now the honor to advise that the impression prevails here that the joint effort of the board and the sealing industry is a very near future and that the sealing question will be better understood from the following explanation:

Thirty-Third Annual Dinner

B. C. Pioneers to Gather Around
the Festive Board This
Evening.

An Energetic Secretary and What
He has Accomplished for
Organization.

This evening the remaining members of the little band of pioneers, who, in the early days, laid the foundation for British Columbia's future greatness, will assemble at the banquet board at the Hotel Victoria. These annual reunions are events looked forward to with great interest by the older residents, and tonight's affair promises to be one of decided interest.

Chief amongst those who have been instrumental in perpetuating the noble work undertaken by the British Columbia Pioneer Society, has been Allan Graham, the energetic secretary, whose portrait accompanies this article. Mr. Graham has been secretary of the society since 1875, and during the intervening years up to the present time has been indefatigable in his efforts to advance the interests not only of the society as a whole, but the welfare of the individual members.

He has many tales to tell of the arduous struggles of the "early day boys," and at tonight's banquet will relate some of his former experiences in connection with the search for gold in Cariboo, and the many friends and acquaintances whom he met.

(Mr. Graham is looked upon as the one man in the Pioneer Society who is vital to its success, and that it has flourished



Allan Graham, Secretary of B.C. Pioneer Society.

"That this board is of the opinion that no time should be lost in impressing upon the provincial government the necessity of safeguarding the citizens' interests, and should express in no uncertain tone against any consideration being given proposals which would tend to the temporary or total abolishment of the rights of sealing to British subjects."

That, however, was withdrawn by consent of the meeting and the following was substituted on motion of A. J. Morley and C. Spencer:

"Whereas, the Victoria B. C. Board of Trade has reason to believe that powerful influence, alien in sympathy and character, is being brought to bear upon the Imperial and Dominion governments to secure the abolishment of pelagic sealing under the British flag."

"And whereas the sealing industry being of great importance as a source of revenue to the city of Victoria, its abolishment would prove a serious blow to the business interests of this community."

"Be it therefore resolved that the Victoria B. C. Board of Trade do hereby urge upon the Imperial, Dominion and provincial governments the great necessity of fostering, safeguarding and perpetuating the sealing industry, and that this Board most earnestly protests against consideration being given to any proposal whatever that shall tend to the abolishment of the rights of pelagic sealing to British subjects."

"Be it further resolved that copies of this preamble and resolution be sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to the colonial secretary of the Imperial government, to the Hon. Richard McBride and to each Victoria member of the Dominion and provincial governments, and that the provincial government be urged to do all in its power to further safeguard the interests of Victoria and the province."

The following amendment was also moved:

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Fernwoods, Deceased.

Last evening the Y. M. C. A. defeated the Fernwoods 20 points to 5.

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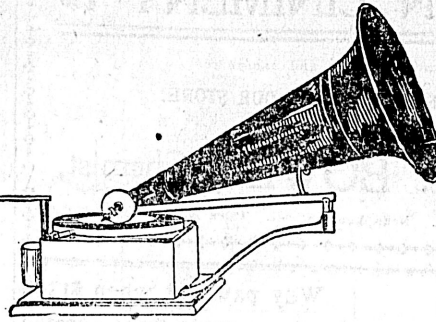
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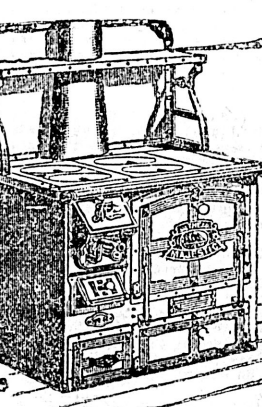
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(By F. W. Stevenson.)

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Open. High. Low. Close.

Wheat..... 80% 81% 80% 81%

Corn..... 42% 43% 42% 42%

Liverpool Wheat..... 6s. 3d. 6s. 3d.

New York, Dec. 3.—The following quotations ruled on the Stock Exchange today:

Open. High. Low. Close.

Atchafalca..... 67 68% 67 68%

Atchafalca, pfd..... 91% 92 91% 92

B. & O..... 77% 78% 77% 78%

B. R. T..... 41% 42% 41% 42%

C. P. R..... 118% 119% 117% 118%

Erie..... 27% 28% 27% 28%

I. & N..... 10% 10% 10% 10%

L. & N..... 13% 14% 13% 14%

M. & P..... 91% 92% 91% 92%

Norfolk & W..... 56% 57% 56% 57%

Pennsylvania..... 114% 115% 114% 115%

Reading..... 42% 43% 42% 43%

Rock Island..... 25% 26% 25% 26%

St. Paul..... 133% 134% 133% 134%

Son. Pacific..... 45% 46% 45% 46%

Union Pacific..... 75% 76% 75% 76%

Amal. Copper..... 40% 41% 40% 41%

Am. Ice..... 8 8 8 8

Am. Ice pfd..... 28 28 28 28

People's Gas..... 35% 36% 35% 36%

Sugar..... 12% 13% 12% 13%

U. S. Steel..... 11% 11% 11% 11%

U. S. Steel pfd..... 52% 53% 52% 53%

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And notice is further given, that after said date the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims of which he then shall have notice, and the said executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of said distribution.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

FOXES—For the best and surest method of trapping foxes and all fur-bearing animals and making the scent, write enclosing stamp, for information to T. E. A. Pearson, Trapper, Highfield, N. B.

WANTED—Furnished house, January 1st, five to seven rooms. W. T. M., Colonist, d1

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We have just received a shipment of "King" Apples, and selling same at

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Moana Will Be Docked Today

H.M. Cruiser Flora Fast On the Rocks

Australian Liner Will Go on the Blocks to Be Repaired.

Crashed on to Village Point as a Result of Navigator's Disastrous Mistake.

Rate War Between Steamers on Oriental Routes Is Getting Fiercer.

Her After Part is Submerged and Vessel May Prove a Total Wreck.

The accident to H. M. S. Flora has resulted in the fastest action in the dry dock history, and the steamer Moana, which lost part of her rudder as a result of striking the rocks at William Head, last week, will take advantage of this fact. The steamer will be towed to the dry dock today to have her rudder repaired, a new shaft fitted, and other necessary repairs made.

H. M. S. Empress of India is due from Yokohama and ports on Tuesday, and the steamer Indrapura, which sailed the day before her, but which is a much slower steamer, is due at the end of the week, both bringing a number of Chinese. The steamer Meladus, which is due the week following, will not bring Chinese, as she is coming from Dalmy via Japanese ports.

The rate war has been caused by the competition of the China Commercial Company's steamers, is now being waged fiercer than ever, and yesterday the Pacific Mail S. S. Company, offered to carry Chinese passengers to China for the sum of \$2 each. Low as was the fare, however, few availed themselves of the bargain, as all the Chinese ready to return to the Flavour Kingdom had previously closed with the China Commercial Company, on whose steamship Lathian 600 of them sailed. The China Commercial Company's rate was \$15. With the departure of the Lathian, the old rate will go into effect on Pacific Mail liners, and will be maintained until the next China Commercial steamship is ready to receive passengers.

The China Commercial steamship now proposed to come North for business and oppose the Northern lines from Portland and Puget Sound. The Lathian loaded four at Portland and the Atholl will go to Puget Sound, where she will deliver 3,500 tons of wheat and flour have been assigned. The third vessel will be sent to Portland and if a full cargo is not obtainable there, will proceed to the Sound to complete it. It is stated that much of the business for the three steamers was arranged from Hongkong.

The steamer Oanfa of the China Mutual line, will come to Victoria via San Francisco on this trip, having been secured to carry 6,000 tons of freight on account of the Occidental and Oriental line from Yokohama to the Bay City.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Queen City sailed for Alousait and way ports yesterday.

The Lorne went to Talon yesterday to tow the bark Kerr to Vancouver.

No report of the disabled steamship Tee's arrival at Valdez in tow of the Yee having been received, indicates that the tug is encountering rough weather on her return voyage. The Yee is believed to have left Dutch Harbor with her tow November 15th and possibly a day later, assuming that the tug will sail on that date, she should have reached Valdez before now unless she encountered very rough weather. Possibly the vessel did not sail at Valdez, but undertook to run from Kodiak straight across to Valdez and Cross Sound. After passing Valdez there would be no chance for her to be reported by wire again until she reached Juneau.

Steamer Gonne, which was ashore at Tacoma, has been floated.

Twenty Japanese who arrived by the Indraville, have been held at Portland for having wrong passports.

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, Dec. 3—S. P. M. SYNOPSIS.

The barometer remains abnormally high over the Pacific slope, while off the coast it is comparatively low. These conditions are causing continuing fair and cold weather with northerly winds throughout this province. A heavy easterly gale is reported at Cape Flattery. The weather is bringing colder in the Territories and gales have occurred in Manitoba today.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	37	44
New Westminster	39	40
Kanaka	39	41
Barkerville	14	20
Dawson	10	16
Calgary	20	32
Winnipeg	20	32
Portland, Ore.	32	50
San Francisco	54	64

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Friday: Victoria and vicinity: Winds chiefly northerly or easterly, continued fair, not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, continued fair and cold.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 3.

Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected.....30.40

NEW WESTMINSTER.

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Legislative Assembly

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itself, the first opportunity the government had of getting an accurate knowledge of the financial affairs of the province was in the public accounts of the present government to office. The New Westminster bridge was the main item, and the government had to undertake a liability on that account of upwards of \$400,000. In addition to the other items, the aggregate amounting to about \$650,000. Immediately after coming into office the government bankers asked for an estimate of probable expenditure for the year. It was found to be about one million dollars, which was declared by the bank to be too great, and the bank required guarantees. The only reply the government could make was that they could not call for a loan, as the bank had explained. There was a very large amount payable by the province in London by the 15th current. He did not think the loan could be negotiated for less than 5 per cent. The year amounted to about \$2,200,000. The expenditure was estimated at about \$2,000,000; while with the railway subsidies the uncontrollable expenditures would bring it to about \$2,060,000. The annual budget, which explained a number of details of the estimate. The present works in the province could not be maintained at much less than half a million dollars a year. In reference to the nature of the loan, he asked why a temporary loan could not have been made. This was, in effect, a temporary loan, and if the money markets were in a better condition before the end of the year, the remainder of the loan could be converted into insured stock. Within the next two years two provincial funds would fall due, one of which had only a short time to run. The position of the province would be by no means so satisfactory as the estimates of the government had declared it would be four years hence. He pointed out the serious condition the province would be in if its indebtedness was not met on the 15th current. He proposed to pay 5 per cent on this loan, and said that even the British government had had to pay higher rates on its loans, and quoted statistics in support of the argument. The colony of Victoria, Australia, had asked for a loan at 4 per cent for three and one-half years. Hon. Mr. Tatlow read from a letter from the agent general in London, explaining the details of this loan, to show that Victoria had asked for a loan at 4 per cent for three and one-half years. Hon. Mr. Tatlow read from a letter from the agent general in London, explaining the details of this loan, to show that Victoria had asked for a loan at 4 per cent for three and one-half years. Hon. Mr. Tatlow read from a letter from the agent general in London, explaining the details of this loan, to show that Victoria had asked for a loan at 4 per cent for three and one-half years.

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The bill was read a second time and will be continued at the next sitting of the House.

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Mr. Cotton (Richmond) said he had no intention of taking part in this debate as he believed that the terms of the bill were reasonable. He thought the government had the power to raise that money within three months by throwing open the blocks in Southeast Kootenay.

Mr. McInnes' scheme—to sell blocks of coal and oil lands in Kootenay—was not practicable, as by his own showing it would take three or six months to raise the revenue. But it was necessary to raise the funds needed in a very few days. What had to be done must be done at once. In his opinion the government made no mistake in this matter. The government must find on consulting the banks that the extraordinary activity and the strong demand for money throughout Canada, the negotiation of a loan at 5 per cent was not out of the question. The banks could get 3 per cent for their money. It was useless for the government to talk of issuing short-dated securities, as the banker would not take it. The opposition had contradicted themselves, saying on the one hand that it would not make a long loan because times would soon be so good; and then questioning the prudence of the long loan because the province might not be in a position to pay it.

He thought the government could be able to pay the extra \$100,000 a year. Was it not reasonable to suppose that, times becoming so good as the opposition said, under the wise management of the present government, yearly payment might be required at more advantageous terms? The inexperienced might be deceived by supposing that the best time to float a state loan was when times were seemingly prosperous, because then money might be had higher than when times were not so apparently good. Mr. Cotton then instanced the huge loans recently secured by the British government and how hanging over the money market. The Victorian, Australian, treasury bond loan was at 4 per cent and 2 per cent for underwriting it, for two and one-half years. The actual cost to the Victorian government was 4.5 per cent, which was 1.5 of 1 per cent higher than British Columbia was to pay. The Victorian government agreed to commute the Stamp Act, so that any purchaser of stock does not have to pay that extra. There were then the cost of calling, the cost of exchange and other expenses, which were not so high as the opposition claimed. Before long, so there was not much use in the member for Alberni suggesting half a million. This loan would do the province's credit good abroad if it could be reported that this loan bill passed without a division.

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Victoria	8:00	12:00	Victoria	3:00	7:00
Shawinigan	10:20	10:45	Shawinigan	4:20	4:20
Duncans	11:00				